

Friday, June 26, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Intelligence Authorizations.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2237-2259 and S. Res. 255. Pages S7255-56

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2237, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. (S. Rept. No. 105-227)

S. 638, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of private mineral interests within the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument mandated by the 1982 Act that established the Monument, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-229)

S. 1403, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act for purposes of establishing a national historic lighthouse preservation program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-230)

H.R. 1439, to facilitate the sale of certain land in Tahoe National Forest, in the State of California to Placer County, California. (S. Rept. No. 105-231)

H.R. 1779, to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improvements. (S. Rept. No. 105-232) Page S7255

Measures Passed:

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: Senate passed S. 2073, to authorize appropriations for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, after agreeing to a committee amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S7298-S7305

Lott (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3047, to provide for sentencing enhancements and amendments to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines for offenses relating to the abuse and exploitation of children. Pages S7299-S7305

Lott (for Leahy/Hatch) Amendment No. 3048, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. Pages S7299-S7305

Berlin Airlift: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 81, honoring the Berlin Airlift, and the measure was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S7305-06

Lott (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 3049, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S7305-06

Intelligence Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1999: Committee on Intelligence was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3694, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Retirement and Disability System, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2052, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S7325-33

Lott (for Shelby) Amendment No. 3050, to provide for the designation of the headquarters Building of the Central Intelligence Agency as the George Herbert Walker Bush Center for Central Intelligence. Pages S7327-28

Lott (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 3051, to authorize the Assistant Director of Central Intelligence for Analysis and Production to direct competitive analysis of analytical products having National importance. Pages S7327-28

Lott (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 3052, to require annual studies and reports on the safety and security of Russian nuclear facilities and nuclear military forces. Pages S7327-28

Lott (for Coats) Amendment No. 3053, relating to a quadrennial intelligence review. Pages S7327-28

Prior to this action, Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. 2052. Page S7325

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Shelby, Chafee, Lugar, DeWine, Kyl, Inhofe, Hatch, Roberts, Allard, Coats, Kerrey, Glenn, Bryan, Graham, Kerry, Baucus, Robb, Lautenberg, and Levin, and from the Committee on Armed Services: Senator Thurmond. Page S7333

Subsequently, S. 2052, was placed on the Senate calendar.

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Commending the Library of Congress: Senate agreed to S. Res. 255, to commend the Library of Congress for 200 years of outstanding service to Congress and the Nation, and to encourage activities to commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of the Library of Congress.

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Next Generation Internet Research Act: Senate passed S. 1609, to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 for the Next Generation Internet program, and to require the Advisory Committee on High-Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet to monitor and give advice concerning the development and implementation of the Next Generation Internet program and report to the President and the Congress on its activities, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Lott (for Frist/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 3054, to change the authorization levels for the Department of Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and to provide that the FY 1999 DOD authorization is under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

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Lott (for Leahy/Ashcroft) Amendment No. 3055, to authorize the comprehensive independent study of the effects on trademark and intellectual property rights holders of adding new generic top-level domains and related dispute resolution procedures.

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Product Liability—Cloture Motion Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 648, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, July 7, 1998.

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Child Support Performance and Incentive Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to H.R. 3130, to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, and to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements, clearing the measure for the President.

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Appointments:

Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the U.S.: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 105–186, appointed the following Senators to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust

Assets in the United States: Senators D'Amato and Specter; and on behalf of the Democratic Leader: Senators Boxer and Dodd.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

Tax Convention with Estonia (Treaty Doc. 105–55);

Tax Convention with Lithuania (Treaty Doc. 105–56); and

Tax Convention with Latvia (Treaty Doc. 105–57).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed.

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Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Convention for the Protection of Plants, with one reservation, two declarations, and one provision. (Treaty Doc. 105–15)

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International Grains Agreement, 1995, with one declaration and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105–16)

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Trademark Law Treaty with Regulations, with two declarations, and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105–17)

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Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, with one declaration, and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105–18)

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Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Thursday, July 2, 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations: By unanimous vote of 85 yeas (Vote No. 182EX), A. Howard Matz, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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By unanimous vote of 85 yeas (Vote No. 183EX), Victoria A. Roberts, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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Nancy E. Soderberg, of the District of Columbia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Nancy E. Soderberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Michael J. Copps, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Shirley Elizabeth Barnes, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar.

Charles Richard Stith, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania.

Vivian Lowery Derryck, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

Nancy Halliday Ely-Raphel, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.

William Davis Clarke, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea.

George Williford Boyce Haley, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Gambia.

Katherine Hubay Peterson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Jeffrey Davidow, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Mexico.

John O'Leary, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

Michael Craig Lemmon, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia.

Rudolf Vilem Perina, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova.

Paul L. Cejas, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Belgium.

Cynthia Perrin Schneider, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Awilda R. Marquez, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

William Lloyd Massey, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2003.

Kenneth Spencer Yalowitz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Georgia.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Susan G. Esserman, of Maryland, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Richard E. Hecklinger, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand.

Theodore H. Kattouf, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—183)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and, in accordance with H. Con. Res. 297, adjourned at 2:15 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, July 6, 1998.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Tuesday, July 14 at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debate.

Committee Meetings

HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Human Rights in China. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 Noon, Monday, July 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 p.m.), Senate may consider S. 2168, VA-HUD Appropriations, 1999.

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